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MCDOT ANNOUNCES NEW LEGISLATION GOVERNING NYS VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW

On August 3, 2004, an Act to amend the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law was adopted by the New York Legislature and signed by Governor Pataki. This new law, in relation to the operation of a motor vehicle at intersections governed by a malfunctioning or out-of-service traffic-control signal, is effective November 1, 2004.

Section 1117 was added to the Vehicle and Traffic Law and reads as follows: "Except when directed to proceed by a police officer, every operator of a motor vehicle approaching an intersection governed by a traffic-control signal which is out of service or otherwise malfunctioning shall stop in the manner required for stop signs set forth in section eleven hundred seventy-two of this title, and proceed according to the rules of right of way for vehicles set forth in article twenty-six of this title."

Beginning November 1, 2004, Monroe County's Department of Transportation will no longer be placing temporary stop signs at out of service or malfunctioning signalized intersections as they have done in the past. All residents are urged to heed this new law and treat all dark signals as four-way stops.

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